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## Local Sales Greatly Improved.

The tobacco sale at the warehouse of the Bourbon Tobacco Warehouse Co., held Saturday, showed considerable improvement over the sales of the past two weeks in quantity and quality of tobacco as well as the prices obtained. There were a total of 118,730 pounds sold Saturday at a general average of 12 cents a pound. The sales throughout the day were brisk and bidding was spirited. Better grades of tobacco were much sought by the buyers. Following are a few of the averages:

F. A. Wallis sold his crop for an average of \$13.58. Taylor & Waggoner received an average of \$12.60 for their crop.

Curry & Dotson sold their crop for an average of \$14.57.

L. C. Ashcraft sold a crop for an average of \$13.13.

Peed, Allen and Biddle disposed of a crop for an average of \$16.10.

Peed, Allen and Dunham sold a crop for an average of \$16.05.

The highest average of the day was made on a crop belonging to George W. Clay, which sold for \$16.32 per one hundred pounds.

The local warehouse will continue its sales until the supply of tobacco yet in the county is exhausted, in spite of the reports that have been circulated to the contrary.

## Mr. Farmer, Read.

Don't, whatever you do, miss having a look at our complete line of harnesses before you buy. If you do you will be sorry, for you will not only lose money but will miss getting the very best harness that money will buy. Come in and look is all we ask.

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## Bourbon Farms Sold.

By the terms of a deal closed Friday Mr. Green Leer, of Millersburg, purchased of Hon. Sidney G. Clay, the Bowles place containing 293 acres, and lying near Millersburg, this county, at \$135 per acre.

The farm is situated on the Jacks-town and Tarr Station pike and is modernly improved. It is in a high state of cultivation and is considered one of the best farms in the county. Involved in the transaction is about \$40,000. Mr. Leer, who is one of the most prominent tobacco men of Bourbon county, will move with his family from Millersburg to his new purchase as soon as he can get possession.

The deal was put through by the real estate firm of Harris & Spikes, of this city, who have made a number of farm deals in the past few weeks.

Mr. G. Sprake, of Harrison county, sold last week, to Messrs. E. J. and B. D. Johnson, also of Harrison county, the Green farm containing 114 acres of land lying on the Colville pike in this county. Price, \$7,500 cash. Possession given at once.

Mr. Fletcher Donaldson sold last week to Mr. J. C. Blount, of Nicholas county, 123 acres of land located on Hinkston creek, near Little Rock, at a private price. Immediate possession will be given.

Mr. R. B. Hutchcraft, of this city, sold last week to Mr. M. G. French, of Harrison county, the former's Ewalt's Cross Roads farm, located on the Cynthiana pike, and containing 55 acres. The price paid was \$115 per acre. Possession will be given at once, and the purchaser will move to the property to reside.

## Distillery Burned With Heavy Loss.

The plant and machinery of the Paris Distilling Co., owned and operated by the Julius Kessler Co., of Chicago, was destroyed by fire at an early hour Sunday morning entailing a loss that will in all probability reach \$100,000, and endangered other property of the company.

The fire was discovered about two o'clock Sunday morning by Mr. James McNamara, night watchman at the plant, but it had gained such headway that it was impossible to control it with the fire fighting apparatus maintained at the plant and an alarm was sent in for the Paris fire department.

The plant and warehouses are located on the North Middletown pike and on the Mayesville branch of the Louisville & Nashville railroad, just out of the city limits. For the local department to respond to the call the permission of Mayor Hinton had to be secured and he ordered the engine and several lines of hose taken to the scene to protect the property adjoining.

When the fire department arrived on the scene the building was enveloped in flames and brisk wind was fanning them fiercely. For a time the warehouses and cattle barns adjoining were imperiled, as the wind blowing from the West carried the sparks and flames in their direction.

A sudden decline in the temperature made the work of fighting the fire difficult and those who were handling the lines of hose suffered intensely from the cold. Good work, however, resulted from their efforts as the fire was confined to the building in which it originated and no damage was suffered to any of the adjoining buildings.

While the origin of the fire is unknown it is the opinion that it started from a spontaneous combustion in the dust room or from some kind of an explosion in the boiler room. When the flames were discovered they were blazing fiercely in that part of the building.

A sudden change in the course of the wind probably saved the cattle barns in which were housed 875 head of cattle, each chained to the trough racks. They were the property of Jonas Weil, of Fayette county, and were being fed at the distillery. Had the wind continued in that direction all of the stock would have perished, as the barns are frame structures and the flames could have been easily communicated to them.

In the grain rooms were about 9,000 bushels of grain, which together with a car of shelled corn on the siding, which was waiting to be unloaded, were destroyed. The warehouses containing about 30,000 barrels of whisky were not damaged and none of the whisky was destroyed, although workmen were prepared to remove as much whisky from the buildings as possible in event the fire was communicated to them.

The distillery which had a capacity of about 60 barrels per day had been in operation since January 1, and since that time had been running at full capacity. Since the operations began about 5,000 barrels of whisky had been run. As a consequence of the fire the entire force of men employed at the plant, to the number of seventy-five, were thrown out of employment. The loss on the property is fully covered by insurance. The only part of the building which was not destroyed was the beer room in which were more than 100,000 gallons of beer. This portion was saved from destruction by a brick wall falling upon the part adjoining the building proper, demolishing a large section and smothering out the flames which had begun to eat their way into the frame structure.

The cattle which were being fed at the distillery were shipped away as rapidly as possible Sunday, as there was not sufficient slop to supply them over one day. More than ninety cars were employed in moving the cattle.

The fire furnished a very spectacular scene which was witnessed by a large number of residents of this city who would not venture out in the cold. The burning copper served to produce flames on many hues and when the giant smoke stack, loosed from its moorings by the flames, fell to the ground, caused myriads of sparks to mount high into the air.

Since the construction of the distillery at the close of the Civil War it has been operated by many firms. The original owners were George M. Bedford and W. T. Buckner, who operated the plant until 1880 when it was bought by Samuel Clay, Jr., & Co., and later sold to the Welsh Distilling Co., of Covington. Later it was absorbed by the Kentucky Distillers & Warehouse Co., which is known as the whisky trust. At the plant was made the famous Sam Clay whisky which name was derived from the product of one of its former owners.

Nothing definite is known as to what plans for the future are being considered but it is probable the distilling plant will be reconstructed and completed by the coming fall when it will be placed in operation. This distillery is the only one which has operated in Bourbon county for a number of years, as all of those controlled by the trust have been dismantled, and the machinery and equipment taken away.

Yesterday afternoon the beer room, which escaped the flames Sunday morning caught fire, and was consumed. Every precaution had been taken and it was thought there was little danger of the smouldering ruins breaking into flames. The fire started about noon and little could be done to check its spread until the remainder of the building had burned to the ground.

## Elks to Meet Tonight.

There will be a meeting of Paris Lodge No. 373 B. P. O. E., at Elks Hall tonight for the annual election of officers. A full attendance is requested.

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Sun-Dried Apples, per lb.	7c
Fancy Evaporated Peaches, per lb.	10c
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